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Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

The present report on the financial status and activities of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery contains the recommendations adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Fund at its eighth session, held in Geneva from 20 to 24 January 2003, which were approved by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on behalf of the Secretary-General on 3 February 2003. The present report updates the report of the Secretary-General submitted to the Commission on Human Rights at its fifty-ninth session (E/CN.4/2003/83 and Add.1), as well as the report of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session (A/57/308).

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I. Mandate of the Fund

1. In its resolution 46/122 of 17 December 1991, the General Assembly established the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, which receives voluntary contributions from Governments, non-governmental organizations, other private and public entities and individuals. The purpose of the Fund is to provide financial assistance to representatives of non-governmental organizations from different regions that deal with issues related to contemporary forms of slavery so they may participate in the deliberations of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery and to extend humanitarian, legal and financial aid, through established channels of assistance, to individuals whose human rights have been severely violated as a result of contemporary forms of slavery.

II. Administration and Board of Trustees

2. Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 46/122, the Fund is administered by the Secretary-General, through the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, in accordance with the relevant Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations on general trust funds for humanitarian assistance and with the advice of a Board of Trustees.

3. The Board is composed of five experts with relevant experience in the field of human rights and, in particular, with issues of contemporary forms of slavery, serving in their personal capacities. The current members of the Board, appointed by the Secretary-General for a three-year renewable term, in consultation with the Chairperson of the Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, with due regard to equitable geographical distribution, are Swami Agnivesh (Chairperson), Theo van Boven, Cheikh Saad-Bouh Kamara, Tatiana Matveeva and José de Souza Martins.

III. Beneficiaries

4. In accordance with the selection criteria adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 46/122, the beneficiaries of assistance from the Fund shall be: (a) representatives of non-governmental organizations dealing with issues of contemporary forms of slavery who would not, in the opinion of the Board, be able to attend the session of the Working Group without the assistance provided by the Fund and who would be able to contribute to a deeper knowledge on the part of the Working Group of the problems relating to contemporary forms of slavery; and (b) individuals whose human rights have been severely violated as a result of contemporary forms of slavery (see also annex I, which contains criteria and other requirements for the selection of beneficiaries).

IV. Grant cycle

5. Applications for travel or project grants for 2004 must be submitted by 15 September 2003 for analysis by the secretariat of the Fund and Board. Admissible

applications will be examined by the Board at its next session, scheduled to be held in January 2004. At that session, the Board will adopt recommendations for grants, which will then be submitted for approval to the High Commissioner for Human Rights on behalf of the Secretary-General. The grants approved should be paid in February/March 2004. Beneficiaries of project grants then have to provide satisfactory narrative and financial reports on the use of their grants before 1 November 2004. Until satisfactory reports on the use of previous grants are received, no new project grant can be paid.

6. Detailed information on the admissibility of new applications, the selection process, the payment of grants and, monitoring and evaluation by the Board and its secretariat can be found in the previous report to the General Assembly (A/57/308, paras. 6-10).

V. Payment of contributions

7. In order to meet the requirements of the grant cycle and meet new requests for funding during a current year, new voluntary contributions should be paid to the Fund by the end of 2003 so that they can be duly recorded by the United Nations Treasurer well in advance of the annual session of the Board. Contributions that cannot be recorded before the session of the Board will be considered at its next annual session.

VI. Eighth session of the Board of Trustees

8. During the 10 meetings of its eighth session, the Board of Trustees examined information prepared by its secretariat concerning previous grants paid from 1999 to 2002, applications for new travel and project grants, the financial situation of the Fund, including new contributions and pledges (see annex II, sect. A), and the implementation of the new recommendations approved in 2002. The Board met with the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Deputy High Commissioner, as well as representatives of donor and other interested Governments, the International Labour Organization and staff members of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights working on other activities relevant to the mandate of the Board.

Review of previous project grants

9. The Board reviewed the narrative and financial reports on the use of travel and project grants paid from 1999 to 2002 and adopted relevant recommendations.

Review of the relevant guidelines on travel grants

10. The Board recommended that should a victim who is the beneficiary of a travel grant be accompanied by a project leader, the latter be requested to give priority to the testimony of the victim, as recommended by the Working Group. The Board recommended that, for security reasons, the beneficiaries of travel grants who are

former victims should be asked in advance if they want to be referred to by a pseudonym in the reports on the Fund.

11. In order to disseminate more widely information on how victims may apply for travel grants, the Board recommended that the information note on the Fund, the application forms, the selection criteria and the guidelines of the Fund be made available at the annual session of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery as conference room papers.

12. The Board underlined that it always takes gender into consideration when considering applications for travel grants and revising the application forms and the guidelines of the Board.

13. Upon consultation with the Office of the High Commissioner, the Board took into consideration the increase in the cost of living in Geneva as reflected in the daily subsistence allowance and recommended an increase in the stipend for beneficiaries of travel grants from SwF 150 to SwF 175.

Recommendations for grants

14. The Board examined 37 applications for travel grants amounting to about US$ 85,800 and 55 applications for project grants amounting to approximately $743,990.

15. The project and travel grants recommended in accordance with General Assembly resolution 46/122 and other approved selection criteria (see annex I) will assist non-governmental organizations in 24 countries in Africa, the Americas, Asia and Europe. In accordance with the mandate of the Fund, the Board's recommendations focus on assisting representatives of non-governmental organizations from different regions that deal with issues of contemporary forms of slavery to participate in the deliberations of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, as well as on extending, through established channels of assistance, humanitarian, legal and financial aid to individuals whose human rights have been severely violated as a result of contemporary forms of slavery.

16. When making recommendations for new travel grants, the Board took into consideration that the main theme of the twenty-eighth session of the Working Group, held in Geneva from 16 to 20 June 2003, was contemporary forms of slavery related to and generated by discrimination, in particular gender discrimination (such as forced marriage, child marriage and the sale of wives).

17. The Board recommended that $21,995 be allocated to eight new travel grants (see annex III, figure 1, and annex IV.A). All travel grants were released prior to the twenty-eighth session of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, provided that the conditions attached to the grants had been met and that the beneficiaries had been able to obtain a visa on time.

18. The Board also recommended a payment of $130,920 for 28 new project grants (see annex III, figure 2, and annex IV.B).

19. In accordance with United Nations rules governing general trust funds for humanitarian assistance, 13 per cent of estimated annual expenditures in 2003 were set aside for programme support costs related to the servicing of the Fund and 15 per cent of estimated annual expenditures were set aside as a reserve for 2004.

Cooperation with the Working Group

20. The Board recommended that the payment of travel expenses be authorized to enable the Chairperson or another member of the Board to participate in the twenty-eighth session of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, to introduce the report on the Fund, to meet and introduce to the Working Group the beneficiaries of travel grants attending the session and to inform the Working Group about the project grants approved and the financial situation of the Fund. Mr. Kamara attended the session, presented the updated information on the Fund and met with the beneficiaries of travel and project grants.

21. The Board recommended that the secretariat continue to inform it about priority areas identified by the Working Group so that the Board could take them into consideration in selecting the beneficiaries of travel grants.

Recommendations of the Board for the intersessional period

22. The Board recommended that, within proper limits, provision continue to be made in the cost plan for 2004 to enable members of the Board or its secretariat to visit projects subsidized by the Fund in their geographical region in order to better evaluate the work carried out and planned. A report on those visits should be prepared by the Board or its secretariat and made available to the Board at its next session.

23. The Board recommended that a fact sheet on the activities of the Fund be prepared by the Office of the High Commissioner for informational purposes and that a sufficient number of copies be printed to allow wide dissemination. The Board also recommended that the Office's fact sheet No. 14 on contemporary forms of slavery be revised to include reference to the activities of the Fund and the Board. The Board also recommended that its secretariat prepare a leaflet or brochure for fund-raising and informational purposes using as a model the one prepared on the United Nations Voluntary Fund for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People.

24. The Board recommended the issuance of a statement on the occasion of the United Nations International Day for the Abolition of Slavery, if possible together with other relevant United Nations organs and partners such as schools.

25. The Board continued to consider issues of contemporary forms of slavery, taking into consideration the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action adopted at the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance. The Board underlined that, when adopting recommendations for grants, it had always taken into consideration, among other violations of human rights, the fact that victims of contemporary forms of slavery were often victims of racial discrimination, including discrimination based on the caste system.

26. The Board recommended that a non-discrimination clause be included in the guidelines of the Fund and in the application forms, mentioning that organizations applying to the Fund should demonstrate that assistance is provided to victims and their family members without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin or property, birth or other status.

27. Considering the additional workload due to the increase in the number of applications received, the Board recommended that the provision of additional Professional and General Service staff and facilities to adequately service the Fund and Board be ensured, if necessary from programme support costs.

VII. Approval and implementation of recommendations

28. All the recommendations made by the Board of Trustees at its eighth session were approved on 3 February 2003 by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on behalf of the Secretary-General. As at 28 July 2003, all travel grants had been paid and the beneficiaries attended the twenty-eighth session of the Working Group. A few project grants were kept pending until additional information requested from the applicants had been received by the Board.

29. The Board noted with satisfaction that, thanks to new contributions from previous and new donors, appeals by the High Commissioner, the Board and Fund secretariat and recommendations of the Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights and the Working Group, it had been able to recommend 36 new grants in 2003. The relevant statistics since the Board started allocating grants in 1997, including the number of travel and project applications received and the amount of money requested, as well as the number of grants received and the amount of money allocated by the Fund, are shown in the accompanying table.

Statistics on the allocation of travel and project grants, 1997-2003

Year	*Type of grant*	*Number of admissible applications*[b]	*Amount requested (US dollars)*	*Number of grants approved*	*Amount allocated (US dollars)*
1997					
	Travel	-	-	6	13 600
	Project			3	10 250
1998[a]		-	-	-	-
1999					
	Travel	10	100 000	10	13 505
	Project	23	800 000	5	27 000
2000					
	Travel	43	113 059	17	30 800
	Project	25	552 236	17	83 500
2001					
	Travel	33	73 000	13	25 715
	Project	23	330 000	18	148 700
2002					
	Travel	39	80 000	7	14 046
	Project	39	600 000	21	121 000
2003					
	Travel	37	85 800	8	21 995
	Project	55	743 990	28	130 920

[a] The total amount available for grants was paid in 1997 ($23,850), and no new contributions were paid.
[b] Every year about 50 applications are received that are not admissible, as they do not fall within the mandate of the Fund, arrive after the established deadline or are incomplete.

VIII. Twenty-eighth session of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery

30. At its twenty-eighth session, the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery had before it the report of the Secretary-General to the Commission on Human Rights concerning the situation of the Fund (E/CN.4/2003/83 and Add.1).

31. A member of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Kamara, attended the session and introduced the documentation available, the beneficiaries of travel grants attending the session and the financial situation of the Fund.

32. The Working Group expressed its appreciation for the participation at its twenty-eighth session of six representatives of non-governmental organizations working in various countries in Africa, the Americas, Asia and Europe, including victims of contemporary forms of slavery, whose expenses were financed by the Fund upon the recommendation of its Board of Trustees, and for their valuable contribution to its work. It also invited the Board of Trustees to continue to promote the participation at the annual sessions of the Working Group of individuals and organizations from as large a number of countries as possible, in accordance with the priorities established in the agenda of the Working Group.

33. The Working Group also noted with satisfaction that 28 project grants had been paid by the Fund, upon the recommendation of the Board, to local non-governmental organizations that worked on issues of contemporary forms of slavery, and that four project leaders had attended the session of the Working Group and had reported orally on the implementation of their projects. The Working Group also welcomed the participation in its session of a member of the Board of Trustees of the Fund, encouraged the Chairman or another member of the Board to attend its next session and expressed its support for the work of the members of the Board of Trustees of the Fund, in particular their fund-raising activities. The Working Group expressed its gratitude to Governments, organizations, trade unions and individuals, including young students, who had contributed to the Fund and encouraged them to continue to do so. In that respect, the Working Group also recalled the appeal to all Governments made by the General Assembly in its resolution 46/122 to respond favourably to requests for contributions to the Fund, urged them and non-governmental organizations, other private and public entities and individuals to contribute to the Fund and encouraged them to do so to enable the Fund to fulfil its mandate effectively in 2004. Finally, the Working Group decided to continue to examine the situation and activities of the Trust Fund at the beginning of its twenty-ninth session in view of the importance of its activities to the work of the Working Group.

IX. Needs assessment

34. Applications for grants amounting to approximately $831,000 were received in 2003. The Board was able to recommend only about $175,000 (less than 20 per cent of the total amount requested). In the Board's view, in order to be able to fulfil its mandate and to satisfy the new applications envisaged for 2004, and also taking into consideration that the Board had recommended for expenditure almost all the money available at its eighth session, the Fund would need new contributions amounting to

at least $300,000 before the ninth session of the Board, scheduled to be held at the end of January 2004.

35. New contributions and pledges have already been made for the ninth session of the Board (see annex II, sects. C and D).

X. Fund-raising for the ninth session of the Board of Trustees

36. The Board adopted its revised cost plan for 2004 on the basis of the increase in new applications for grants and the increase in new contributions received in 2003.

37. The Board held its annual meeting with regular and new donor Governments and other interested Governments. The level of participation was encouraging and high-level exchanges took place. The representative of Japan informed the Board about a pledge for 2003, which was about to be paid.

38. The Board very much appreciated the fact that more and more school students, non-governmental organizations and other private entities and individuals were becoming regular donors to the Fund.

39. The Board also very much appreciated the advice and support expressed by the High Commissioner and the Deputy High Commissioner for the activities of the Board and the Fund. In particular, the Board appreciated that the High Commissioner had expressed his willingness to support the Board in its fund-raising mandate.

40. The Board recommended that the secretariat of the Commission on Human Rights continue to invite the Bureau to give the floor to the Chairperson or another member of the Board to deliver a brief speech to the Commission for the purpose of introducing the report of the Secretary-General on the Fund, providing the Commission with updated information on its work and the financial situation of the Fund and inviting donors to contribute to the Fund.

XI. How to contribute to the Fund

41. Voluntary contributions to the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery may be made as follows:

(a) In United States dollars and other currencies to: United Nations Office at Geneva, account No. 485001802, J. P. Morgan Chase Bank, New York, NY 10004, United States; swift code: CHASUS33;

(b) In euros and pounds sterling to: United Nations Office at Geneva, account No. 23961 901, J. P. Morgan Chase Bank, London, P.O. Box 440, Wollgate House, Coleman Street, London, United Kingdom; swift code: CHASGB2L;

(c) In Swiss francs to: United Nations Geneva General Fund, account No. 240-C0590160.0, UBS, Rue du Rhône 8, Geneva 2, Switzerland; swift code: UBSWCHZH12A;

(d) By cheque to the order of the United Nations to be sent to the Treasurer, United Nations Office at Geneva, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland.

Please mention that payment is to be made to the order of the United Nations and also, in any case, the following: "for the UN Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery- SH".

42. To enable the Secretariat to follow up and inform the Board of Trustees, the General Assembly, the Commission on Human Rights, the Subcommission and the Working Group, donors wishing to make a voluntary contribution are invited to inform the Fund's secretariat of their payment at:

United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery
Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
Palais de Nations
CH-1211 Geneva 10
Switzerland

Telephone: + (41) (22) 917 91 64
+ (41) (22) 917 97 27
+ (41) (22) 917 91 45

Facsimile: + (41) (22) 917 90 17

XII. Recommendations

43. As recommended by the Board of Trustees of the Fund at its eighth session and approved by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on behalf of the Secretary-General, donors are invited to contribute to the Fund by the end of the year in order that the contributions may be duly recorded by the United Nations Treasurer in advance of the annual session of the Board. Contributions that cannot be recorded before the session of the Board will be considered at its next annual session.

44. At its twenty-eighth session, the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery expressed its gratitude to Governments, organizations, trade unions and individuals, including young students, who had contributed to the Fund and encouraged them to continue to do so. In this respect, the Working Group also recalled the appeal made by the General Assembly in its resolution 46/122 to all Governments to respond favourably to requests for contributions to the Fund, urged them and non-governmental organizations, other private and public entities and individuals to contribute to the Fund, and encouraged them to do so in order to enable the Fund to fulfil its mandate effectively in the year 2004.

45. In the Board's view, in order to be able to satisfy all new applications envisaged for 2004 and to fulfil its mandate satisfactorily, the Fund would need at least $300,000 more before the eighth session of the Board, scheduled to be held at the end of January 2004.

Annex I

Criteria and other requirements for the selection of beneficiaries

A. Travel grants

1. According to the criteria established by the General Assembly in its resolution 46/122, grants from the Fund shall be given to:

(a) Representatives from non-governmental organizations from different regions dealing with issues of contemporary forms of slavery to assist them to participate in the deliberations of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery:

(i) Who are so considered by the Board of Trustees;

(ii) Who would not, in the opinion of the Board, be able to attend the sessions of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery without the assistance provided by the Fund;

(iii) Who would be able to contribute to a deeper knowledge on the part of the Working Group of the problems relating to contemporary forms of slavery;

(b) Individuals whose human rights have been severely violated as a result of contemporary forms of slavery.

2. In addition, the Board has developed other practices and guidelines:

(a) Application forms for travel grants should include a letter of nomination and recommendation signed by an executive official of the applicant's organization other than the applicant himself or herself;

(b) The Board will take into consideration the main theme of the Working Group's session when making recommendations for travel grants;

(c) A non-governmental organization may apply for grants for a maximum of two representatives;

(d) In proposing candidates, the applicant non-governmental organization should take gender balance into consideration;

(e) The applicant must submit by airmail the original of the application duly signed and dated;

(f) Representatives should be selected from all the geographical regions in order to provide the widest possible view of contemporary forms of slavery in the world (resolution 2000/12 of the Subcommission on the Protection and the Promotion of Human Rights);

(g) The organization should provide information on its legal status, year of foundation, annual budget, other sources of funding in relation to aspects of contemporary forms of slavery with which the organization deals and specific experience and/or expertise in the relevant issues to be discussed at the Working Group;

(h) The organization should provide information on the responsibilities of the applicant in the organization and on the theme of the applicant's presentation to the Working Group;

(i) Beneficiaries of a travel grant should deliver their statements on behalf of the organization that applied for the approved grant;

(j) The Board will not consider an application for which the secretariat has not received, at its request, additional satisfactory information after a second reminder.

B. Project grants

3. According to General Assembly resolution 46/122, grants from the Fund shall be given to extend, through established channels of assistance, humanitarian, legal and financial aid to individuals whose human rights have been severely violated as a result of contemporary forms of slavery.

4. The Board has developed the following practices and guidelines:

(a) An organization can request a maximum amount of US$ 15,000 per grant from the Fund;

(b) Projects should be selected from all the geographical regions in order to provide the widest possible view of contemporary forms of slavery in the world (Subcommission resolution 2000/12);

(c) The project should take gender balance into consideration;

(d) The original application, duly signed and dated by an executive officer of the applying organization, should be sent by airmail;

(e) The organization should provide information on its present activities and the aspects of contemporary forms of slavery that it deals with;

(f) If satisfactory narrative and financial reports on the use of a previous grant have not been received, a new grant cannot be released and should be kept pending;

(g) Project grants should be allocated for direct assistance to victims and to local non-governmental organizations. As the case may be, grants can be channelled via an international non-governmental organization, provided that it does not keep any part of the grant for its activities;

(h) The Board will not consider an application for which the secretariat has not received, at its request, additional satisfactory information after a second reminder;

(i) If no satisfactory narrative and financial reports are received, the organization may be requested to refund the grant concerned.

Annex II

Contributions and pledges available for the eighth and ninth sessions of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery

A. Contributions available for the eighth session[a]

Table 1
Contributions by States

State	*For the year*	*Amount (US dollars)*	*Date paid*	*Number of contributions*
Brazil	2003	10 000	28 October 2002	4
Cyprus	2003	4 000	6 August 2002	3
France	2002	34 778	21 March 2002	4
Holy See	2003	1 000	22 October 2002	4
Israel	2003	5 000	30 December 2002	1
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	2002	5 000	6 February 2002	1
Netherlands	2003	87 870	20 October 2002	4
Qatar	2002	10 000	10 April 2002	1
Saudi Arabia		20 000	5 February 2003[b]	1
Subtotal (table 1)		**177 648**		

[a] Based on information available at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

[b] A cheque was received during the eighth session and forwarded to the United Nations Treasurer at the United Nations Office at Geneva. The contribution was officially registered on 5 February 2003. The Board decided to take it into consideration in its recommendations for grants.

Table 2

Contributions by non-governmental organizations, other private or public entities and individuals

Entity or individual	*Amount (US dollars)*	*Date paid*	*Number of contributions*
Aichi International Connecting Conference for Human Rights, Japan	212	7 May 2002	1
Association of Humanitarian Lawyers (Ms. Karen Parker, United States)	500	15 February 2002	2
Students of the Istituto Tecnico Commerciale	577	10 May 2002	7
Statale Oscar Romero, Albino, Italy	1 109	18 December 2002	8
Students and teachers of Scelem, Italia	525	22 January 2003	1
Japan Lawyers International Solidarity Association, Japan	173	7 May 2002	1
Nagasaki Case, Japan	75	23 August 2002	1
Japanese Workers Committee for Human Rights, Tokyo, Japan	267	7 May 2002	2
Mr. Yorio Shiokawa, Tokyo, Japan	185	7 May 2002	5
	397	23 August 2002	6
Mr. Sandro Spinelli	158	21 January 2003	1
HVAC Systems Technology Inc. (Mr. David Solberg, President), Minneapolis, United States	125	14 January 2002	1
Students and teachers of the Archway School, Gloucester, United Kingdom	4 098	26 June 2002	2
Subtotal (table 2)	**8 401**		
Total (tables 1 and 2)	**186 049**		

B. Pledges made before the eighth session

State	*Amount (US dollars)*	*Date pledged*
Japan[a]	36 000	29 January 2003
The Netherlands	40 614	3 May 2002
Total	**76 614**	

[a] The pledge was made by the representative of Japan at the meeting of the Board with donors during the eighth session, on 24 January 2003. The Board decided to take it into consideration in its recommendations for grants.

C. Contributions available for the ninth session[a]

(as at 28 July 2003)

Table 1
Contributions by States

State	*For the year*	*Amount (US dollars)*	*Date paid*	*Number of contributions*
Botswana	2004	500	13 May 2003	1
France	2003	34 620	12 May 2003	5
Mauritius	2004	3 000	24 March 2003	1
South Africa	2004	5 847	1 April 2003	4
Subtotal (table 1)		**43 967**		

[a] Based on information available at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Table 2
Contributions by non-governmental organizations, other private or public entities and individuals

Entity or individual	*For the year*	*Amount (US dollars)*	*Date paid*	*Number of contributions*
Mr. Yorio Shiokawa	2004	146	27 March 2003	4
Japanese Workers Committee	2004	219	27 March 2003	5
Students and teachers of the Istituto Tecnico Commerciale Statale Oscar Romero, Albino, Italy	2004	971	28 May 2003	9
Subtotal (table 2)		**1 336**		
Total (tables 1 and 2)		**45 303**		

D. Pledges made since the eighth session[a]

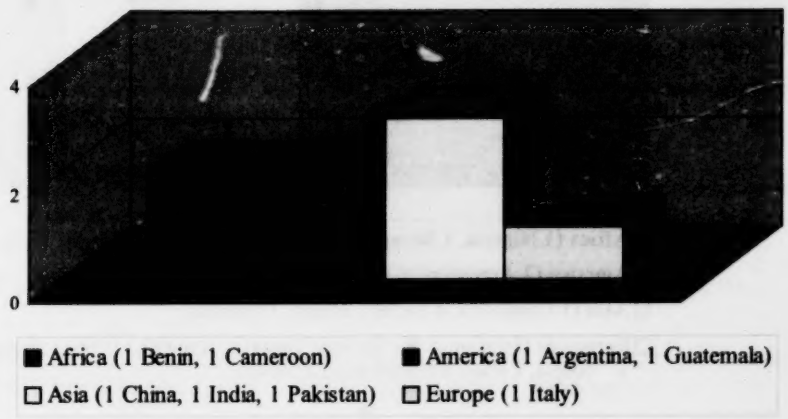
Entity or individual	*For the year*	*Amount (US dollars)*	*Date paid*	*Number of contributions*
Mr. Yorio Shiokawa	2004	146	27 March 2003	4
Japanese Workers Committee	2004	219	27 March 2003	5
Students and teachers of the Istituto Tecnico Commerciale Statale Oscar Romero, Albino, Italy	2004	971	28 May 2003	9
Total		**1 336**		

[a] Based on information available at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights as at 28 July 2003.

Annex III

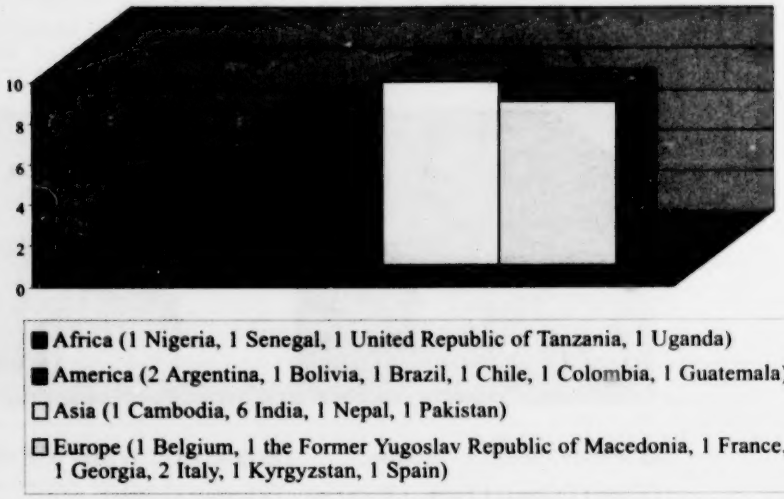
Geographical distribution of travel and project grants

Figure 1
Geographical distribution of travel grants allocated by the Board of Trustees of the Fund at its eighth session for attendance at the twenty-eighth session of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery (number of beneficiaries)



Note: Total number of admissible requests for travel grants: 37; total amount of money requested: approximately $85,800.

Figure 2
Geographical distribution of project grants allocated by the Board of Trustees of the Fund at its eighth session (number of projects)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Asia (1 Cambodia, 6 India, 1 Nepal, 1 Pakistan)
Europe (1 Belgium, 1 the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, 1 France, 1 Georgia, 2 Italy, 1 Kyrgyzstan, 1 Spain)

Note: Total number of admissible requests for project grants: 55; total amount of money requested: approximately $745,000.

Annex IV

Travel and project grants approved by the Board of Trustees at its eighth session for attendance at the twenty-eighth session of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery

A. Travel grants

Organization and country	*Name of representative*[a]	*Theme*
Tomorrow's Children, Benin	Micheline Aklo (f)	Experience as a trafficked person
African Network for Prevention and Protection against Child Abuse and Neglect, Cameroon chapter	Modi Maimounatou (f)	Experience of early marriage
Centro de Docentes Jubilados y Pensionados Santiago del Estero "Carmen Palumbo de Leguizamón", Argentina	Fabiana Voget (f)	Child labour; exploitation of minors
End Sexual Exploitation of Children, Guatemala	Maria E. Villarreal (f)	Trafficking of children
Committee of Propaganda and Education on the Convention on the Rights of the Child, China	Fuyong Jiao (m)[b]	Clinical study of 86 sexually abused children
All India Women's Conference, India	Yadav Shashi (f)	Gender discrimination and forced child marriage
All Pakistan Women's Association, Pakistan	Anita Sattar Silat (f)	Combating discrimination: criminalization of extramarital sex, including adultery
Association for the promotion and the defence of children, Erythros, Italy	Beza Belaineh Gebre (f)[c]	Sexual exploitation: support and assistance to and protection of victims of trafficking
Total	**8 travel grants, $21,995**[d]	

[a] (f) means female; (m) male.

[b] The beneficiary could not attend the twenty-eighth session of the Working Group. His grant will be kept pending for his participation at the twenty-ninth session.

[c] The beneficiary could not attend the twenty-eighth session of the Working Group and was replaced by Dorothee Grosskraumbach.

[d] Beneficiaries are entitled to a round-trip plane ticket and a stipend of $175 for each day of attendance plus two extra days for travel.

B. Project grants

Organization and country	*Title of project or aspect covered*	*Approved grant (US dollars)*
Africa		
Consulting Centre for Constitutional Right and Justice, Nigeria	Direct humanitarian, legal and financial assistance to victims of contemporary forms of slavery and their families	6 000
Rencontre africaine pour la défense des droits de l'homme, Senegal	Assistance to victims of domestic exploitation	15 000
Kiota Women's Health and Development Organization, United Republic of Tanzania	Penetrating the world of child abuse and violence: assistance to girl victims of sexual abuse and trafficking	11 000
Kabagahi Trinity Association, Uganda	Direct support to sexually exploited women	6 420
Americas		
Centro de Docentes Jubilados y Pensionados Santiago del Estero "Carmen Palumbo de Leguizamón", Argentina	Elimination of child labour and reinsertion into school	7 500
Instituto de Religiosas Adoratrices del Santisimo Sacramento y de la Caridad, Argentina	Assistance to girls and women victims of sexual exploitation	2 000
Parroquia Santísma Trinidad de la Diócesis de "El Alto", Bolivia	Educational centre to prevent and stop child labour	7 500
Caso do Pobre de Nossa Senhora de Copacabana, Brazil	Assistance to sexually abused children	2 000
Programma clubes juveniles Moani, Departamento de Pastoral Obrera, Arzobispado de la Santísma Concepción, Chile	Eradication of labour exploitation of children: assistance to child labourers	2 000
Orden de Religiosas Adoratrices de Colombia, Colombia	Prevention and accompaniment of women victims of prostitution and their families	2 500
Les Trois Quarts du Monde, Guatemala	Support to shelter, education, training and reinsertion of street girls	7 500
Asia		
Protection and provision of juvenile justice, Cambodia	Judicial enforcement and rehabilitation for juveniles: assistance to child victims of exploitation	4 000
Mahila Rural Development Youth Society, India	Awareness and action against child labour	3 000
All Indias Women Conference, India	Assistance to women victims of contemporary forms of slavery	3 500

Organization and country	*Title of project or aspect covered*	*Approved grant (US dollars)*
Vedika, India	Bounded labour, child labour and trafficking	3 000
International Organization of the Moral Youth, India	Awareness-building on the issue of child marriage	1 000
Cuddapah District Oppressed Peoples' Village Upliftment Committee, India	Bonded labour	7 000
Social and Economic Assistance for Rural and City Habitants, India	Empowerment programmes for Dalit women and children against sexual exploitation	2 500
Informal Sector Service Centre, Nepal	Ex-Kamaiya reliving programme Bardiya	11 000
Association of networks for community empowerment, Pakistan	Education and health programme for brick kiln workers (child labour)	6 000
Europe		
Churches' Commission for Migrants in Europe, Belgium	Networking against trafficking in women (workshops for professionals)	2 000
Macedonian non-governmental organization of policewomen, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Assistance to children abused in the streets	5 000
Agir pour les femmes en situation précaire, France	Fight against domestic slavery and assistance to victims	5 000
Human Rights Information and Documentation Centre, Georgia	Activities against trafficking	2 500
Movimento Laici America Latina, Italy	Awareness-raising campaign against contemporary forms of slavery	2 000
Compagni di Strada, Italy	Assistance to women and girls forced into prostitution	1 000
Women's Support Centre, Kyrgyzstan	Counter-trafficking activities: information and awareness-raising campaign and hotline	2 000
Adoratrices Proyecto Esperanza, Spain	Comprehensive assistance to women victims of trafficking and sexual exploitation	1 000
Total	**28 projects**	**130 920**